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1. There are six small printing presses in the Vratsa Okoliya. The largest, located in Khristo Botev Square in Vratsa, employs about 30 workers. It has three German presses of the Kaiser type and three small presses known as "Amerikanka;" both types are electrically operated. The Kaiser presses are used for printing the 6,000 to 7,000 copies of the Okoliya Party weekly, Vratshanski Glas (Vratsa Voice), while the Amerikanka presses are used for printing posters, envelopes, etc. The enterprise is managed jointly with the other presses in the okoliya.
2. The press at No. 30 Todor Petrov Street in Vidin is the second largest in the okoliya. It employs 20 men and has six presses, two of which are large ones. One of the presses is of the Kaiser type and four are Amerikanka. This plant is used mainly for printing the 4,000 to 5,000 copies of the weekly Vidinski Glas (Vidin Voice).
3. There is a small press at Lom (N 43-49, E 23-12), Kula (N 43-53, E 22-30), Belogradchik (N 43-38, E 22-40), and at Byala Slatina (N 43-28, E 23-56). All are equipped with Amerikanka type presses and work on local job printing orders.
4. Composing is done by hand at these presses, and none of the shops has a Linotype. There is a shortage of paper and allocations are insufficient. The press at Vidin requires 12 tons of paper every three months, but receives a maximum of nine tons.

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